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Cactus District Weekly Update

April 1, 2016

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

[Cactus District Website](#)

City Announcements

Cactus District Meeting is this Thursday!

Cactus District Meeting!

Come by the Cactus District Spring District Meeting on April 7, from 5-7pm at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern (enter at 51st Avenue, just south of Northern Avenue).

All are welcome to come

out for an opportunity to meet your neighbors and

talk with representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code



Vice Mayor Ian Hugh (right) with his wife, Sharon, of 39

years.



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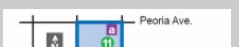
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Cactus District

Amenities



Dinner and Refreshments will be available!

Please RSVP with Adam Maynes by calling 623-930-2878.

Cesar Chavez Street Naming



From left to right: Mayor Jerry Weiers, Councilmember Bart Turner, Vice Mayor Ian Hugh, United States Congressman Ruben Gallego, Councilmember Ray Malnar, Assistant City Manager Jennifer Campbell, Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff, Councilmember Jamie Aldama.

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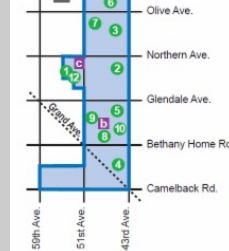
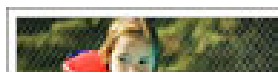
Statement from Vice Mayor Ian Hugh

This morning I represented the Cactus District as the City of Glendale honored Cesar Chavez by ceremoniously naming 59th Avenue and Myrtle after the late civil rights leader. Glendale has a proud tradition of diversity and this event is another moment of our proud city coming together as one, and ending any signs of racial inequality.

Last year I proposed renaming 93rd Avenue and Maryland after Martin Luther King Jr. The proposal was gladly accepted and the street has since been ceremonially named in his honor. Honoring leaders of freedom for all races by re-naming streets is only a small token of appreciation for the work and effort they put into their causes. But these signs will remain as long-lasting reminders of the dedication to freedom America stands for, and of the men and women who lived their lives in pursuit of such an honorable goal.

Keep your Children Safe around Water!

**GLENDALE FIRE REMINDS RESIDENTS
WATER SAFETY IS IMPORTANT YEAR-ROUND**



Cactus District Amenities



Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.

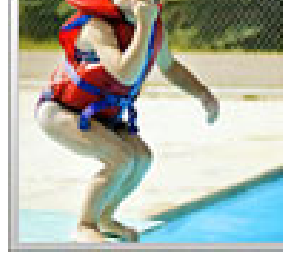
Located south of Northern
Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).



In the wake of two drowning-related incidents in Glendale recently, one in which a five-year-old child died, the Glendale Fire Department wants to remind the community about the ABC's of water safety and provide some safety tips so everyone can have a safe and happy summer.



Remember, water hazards are dangerous year-round. Drowning's don't have an off season... Make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked. Interior fences provide an additional barrier and should have self-closing, self-latching gates.

Remember the A-B-C's for water safety:

- Always have Adult supervision around water.
- Barrier fencing around your pool is extremely important.
- Classes: Get involved - Adults should take a CPR class and teach their children how to swim.

Supervision is needed around ALL bodies of water: Never allow your children to play around canals; they are deep and have strong undercurrents.

Never leave your children while bathing them in the tub or sink. Always have everything you need on hand before you start their bath.

Children can also drown in buckets, the toilet, or even the dog's water dish.

The best drowning prevention tip is to always know where your children are, especially when around water.

Glendale Credit Rating Update!



CITY OF GLENDALE RECEIVES A+ WITH BOND RATING UPGRADE

Significantly Improved Financial Situation Cited

Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park

includes:

Lighted ball field
Lighted basketball court
Two lighted volleyball courts
Four lighted racquetball courts
Playground
Picnic tables
Grills
Restrooms
[Reservable ramadas](#)
[Aquatic center](#)
[Recreation center](#)

Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave.



623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The Rose Lane

Summary Rating Rationale

Moody's Investors Service assigned an A2 rating to the City of Glendale, Arizona's Senior Excise Tax Revenue Refunding Obligations, Series 2016 in the expected amount of \$29.2 million. Moody's maintains A2 ratings on the city's outstanding parity debt of \$247.9 million and subordinate excise obligations of \$189.9 million, post-refunding. The outlook is stable.

The A2 rating primarily reflects the city's sound economic fundamentals benefitting from participation in the Phoenix metropolitan area and the city's sports tourism and related attractions, along with a broad pledge of revenues that include economically-sensitive local sales and state-shared taxes. Maximum annual debt service coverage remains very strong and improving with support from ongoing economic recovery. Legal provisions are overall satisfactory.

The rating also reflects provisions of Moody's US Public Finance Special Tax Methodology that cap the rating at the city's A2 GOULT rating despite sound credit fundamentals. Pledged revenues lack legal separation from the city's general operations: it receives all revenues prior to setting aside funds for upcoming debt service payments, which allows for comingling of pledged revenues with other operating resources.

AVOID COOKING FIRES THIS SUMMER!



9 SIMPLE STEPS TO AVOID A KITCHEN FIRE

1. Keep a fire extinguisher within reach when cooking in case of emergency and know how to use it properly.

Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information.](#)



**Rose Lane Aquatics
Center**

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905
(east of 51st Ave., north
of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is
only open to the public
during the summer.

Activities include full
facility aquatic rentals,
seasonal private swim
lessons, group swim
lessons, and summer
public recreation

swimming. This facility
includes a large, zero
depth entry leisure pool
with spray features, a
splash pad, a giant slide,
a kiddie slide, and a big
pool with a diving well and
a diving board. Rose Lane
has outdoor "day use"
lockers. Please bring your
own lock or you may
purchase one at the Rose
Lane Cashier's Office.

2. Keep the stovetop clear of flammable items like oven mitts and wooden utensils.
3. Never pour water on a grease fire.
4. If a fire happens to start in a pan on the stove, put on oven mitts and place a lid over the pan to snuff out the flames. Turn the burner off and do not remove the lid until the food has cooled off.
5. If a fire starts in the oven, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to keep flames confined to the oven.
6. Never wear loose fitting or baggy clothing when cooking to prevent your clothes from catching on fire.
7. Make sure all smoke detectors are in good working order.
8. Unplug small appliances that aren't in use.
9. Never EVER leave food unattended while cooking.

Vice Mayor Hugh News and Notes from Around the District

Dedication of Enrique Banda Sr. Ball Field

*12pm, Saturday, April 2, 2016
51st Ave. and Marlette*

A field dedication will be held, along with a softball tournament. Mr. Banda was a long-time resident and community supporter, as well as a mentor and leader to hundreds of Glendale youth through his love of sports as a coach. For more information on this event, please contact Mike Gregory at 623-930-2652.



Vice Mayor Hugh Donates a Car to a Glendale Mother in Need

Glendale Vice Mayor Ian Hugh has donated a car to Glendale Mother Tracey Thomas with special needs children after a local Police Officer heard the Mother's story and looked to find out how she could receive help.

Originally aired on local Glendale Channel 3 on Friday, February 26, 2016, and was

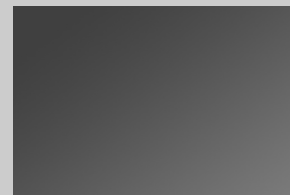


Camelback Ranch Glendale Spring Training Opening Day 2016

Vice Mayor Hugh joined the City of Glendale in celebrating Opening Day of the 2016 Spring Training season at Camelback Ranch Glendale on March 3, 2016. Camelback Ranch is the home of the Chicago White Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers and fans of both teams and the sport enjoyed a great day of

This facility is only started when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

[View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics Center here!](#)



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baseball and the start of new baseball season. Watch the short recap [here](#).



**GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ART EXHIBIT
PRESENTED AT GALLERY GLENDALE AT WESTGATE
GUHSD**

Students and Teachers exhibit art through the end of April

The city of Glendale proudly presents a month long exhibit featuring the artwork of the Glendale Union High School District's students and faculty beginning April 1 at Gallery Glendale at Westgate Entertainment District. A public reception for this art exhibit will be held on Friday, April 15 from 5-9 p.m.

On display from April 1 to April 30, 2016, the exhibition features approximately 90 pieces of student work from all nine schools in the Glendale Union High School District. In addition to the students' artwork, 25 teachers from around the district will have pieces on exhibit. The art will include drawings, paintings, mixed media, 3-D art and photography.

Most artwork will be available for sale.

The public reception is a gala affair to celebrate the talents of these gifted student and faculty artists. Appetizers and refreshments will be served by Apollo High School Culinary students. Music students from throughout the district will perform during the evening. The reception is a free event. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. Gallery hours are 6-9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Gallery is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd. suite D-102, next to Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

YOUR INPUT MATTERS!!



**Conceptual Analysis of Possible
Western Area Branch Library**



In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale.

The Library Advisory Board is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services. [Details](#)

Vice Mayor Hugh's Glendale Today Segments!



Polo's Italian Cuisine

Watch Vice Mayor Hugh speak with Owner Polo Blanco about his time in Glendale, his favorite dishes, and the live music that his restaurant holds four nights a week.

[Polo's Italian Cuisine](#)



La Purisima Bakery

Watch Vice Mayor Hugh speak with Owner Irma Arellano about her family's time in Glendale, and how every item is made homemade from scratch everyday causing lines to stretch out to the street.

[La Purisima Bakery](#)



Kiss the Cook

Watch Vice Mayor Hugh speak with Owner Nancy Hagadorn about her family's time in Glendale, and the many different fresh breakfast and lunch meals that they offer to loyal customers every day.

[Kiss the Cook](#)

Notes From Around the Cactus District

TAX TIME



Make Your Taxes Less Taxing Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.



GLENDALE YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Glendale Youth Sports League (GYSL) is winding up for the exciting Summer 2016 Baseball, Softball and T-Ball season. Registration takes place March 14 - April 8, practice starts mid-May and games begin June 6.

Batter up! The following brackets are being offered:

T-Ball: Co-ed Ages 4-6

Baseball: Pee-wee Ages 6-8 (coach pitch) Rookies Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Softball: Ponytail Ages 6-8 (coach pitch)

Cholla Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Registration fee is \$55 for Glendale residents (or \$75 for non- residents) and includes a

team t-shirt and baseball cap. An additional fee of \$10 will be charged during late registration April 11-15, 2016. Sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820. Players can also register in person on Saturday, March 26, 1-4 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza, 4315 W. Glendale Ave. in Glendale.

BE A VOLUNTEER COACH!

Persons age 18 and older can submit a Coach Application to Glendale Parks and Recreation Office, 5970 W. Brown St., by Friday, April 15. For more information about GYSL, volunteering as a coach or to learn about program sponsorship opportunities, contact Mike Davis, Glendale Parks and Recreation, at 623-930-2841 or via email at mdavis@glendaleaz.com.

GLENDALE'S SIDEWALK SALE APRIL 2

Downtown Event Kicks Off Operation Women Warriors Donation Drive

Bring your walking shoes and be ready to hit the pavement at Glendale's 7th annual Sidewalk & Porch Sale on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. The event will include many retailers offering discounts up to 75 percent off.



Spring has sprung, and what better way to enjoy it than shopping outdoors and participating in some fun activities? A leisurely stroll through downtown Glendale will allow shoppers to take advantage of the great weather and enjoy the historic setting. Along the way you'll also find a lemonade stand, ice cream treats and more. The shops in Catlin Court will showcase their specialties on their lawns, sidewalks and porches, and Old Towne shops will feature great finds and bargains inside the shops.

The day is not just about shopping! Visitors will also be able to enjoy a musical performance by the Ironwood High School Band at 1 p.m. at the Murphy Park Amphitheater. This 90-member concert band has received 'Excellent' and 'Superior' ratings recently, and thanks to a grant from the city of Glendale's Performing Arts Partnership Program, the concert band has received extra instruction from three local groups of professional musicians. This performance for the community will be a showcase of their recent training and hard work.

In addition, the Glendale Visitor Center, in partnership with Soroptimist International of the Kachinas of Glendale, is kicking off a campaign to honor all deployed women by collecting donations for Operation Women Warriors. The Operation Women Warriors project will send specialized care packages to female soldiers stationed overseas. Needed items include bulk hard candies, travel-sized toiletries, facial lotion with sunscreen, foot cream, SPF lip balm, personal hygiene products, cough drops and hair bands. [Click here](#) for a full list of needed items.

Attendees are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, to pick up a downtown walking map along with a West Valley info pack, and to drop off any donations. For more details on the event, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or visit the website.



SPRING SHRED EVENT APRIL 9

*Free Shredding Service Sponsored by Glendale Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff and
Glendale Police*

Glendale Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff and the Glendale Police Department will be sponsoring a Spring Shred Event on Saturday, April 9, from 8 - 11 a.m. at Sierra Verde Elementary School, 7241 W Rose Garden Ln. This free document shredding service is a valuable resource that can help residents properly dispose of personal information that can lead to identity theft.

Each household is limited to five banker's boxes and due to demand, this service may conclude if trucks are full. For additional information, contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist, at 623-695-0440.

Tax season is the perfect time to evaluate documents that are stored and Glendale residents are encouraged to take steps to properly dispose of any item that can lead to identity theft. Identity theft has become a major problem in the United States with the Internal Revenue Service reporting that 2.7 million people had their identities stolen in 2014. It is a serious and growing crime. If you feel you are a victim of identity theft, contact the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000.

Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff serves the Cholla District which is located in

northern Glendale, generally bounded by Pinnacle Peak Road on the north and Union Hills Drive on the south. Residents can view the council district map at www.glendaleaz.com/CityCouncil/districtmap.cfm.

New Glendale Farmers Market Begins April 9 In Historic Downtown Glendale.

Twice-Monthly Market Promotes "Eat Fresh ~ Buy Local ~ Eat Seasonally"

A new event is 'sprouting' in downtown Glendale this April, with the goal to bring fresh, local produce and handmade goods to Glendale and the West Valley. The new Glendale



Farmers Market will kick-off their season on Saturday, April 9, between 8 a.m. and noon. The market will be located in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, 7102 N. 58th Dr.

The market will be held in the heart of historic Downtown Glendale, at the southwest corner of 58th Drive and Palmar, every second and fourth Saturday for the months of April through July, with a brief break and will resume again for the months of September through November. Abundant free covered parking is available in the adjacent parking garage.

"We invite everyone across the Valley to come down on these Saturday mornings to the charming, tree lined area that is the perfect spot to purchase fresh, locally-farmed produce and browse vendors selling other goods that are also made here locally," said Linda Moran-Whittley, owner of Papa Ed's Ice Cream in the Catlin Court Historic District. "And not only that, visitors can have breakfast or lunch, and enjoy a stroll to the many shops and boutiques that have made downtown Glendale such a unique and popular destination."

The Glendale Farmers Market's mission is to create a community gathering place in historic Downtown Glendale, while supporting local farmers, small businesses and community based organizations, many of which will also be invited to participate in various ways. In addition, the purpose of the market is to provide a marketplace for healthy, nutritious and sustainable foods systems for residents throughout the Valley.

Additional highlights planned for the market include:

- Meeting local farmers, agricultural vendors, and home product vendors
- Food truck specialties and a variety of local eateries
- Handcrafted and one-of-a-kind items for sale
- Community booth with information from area wide 501(c) (3) organizations, local program resources, services and more
- Educational seminars with information and demonstrations about healthy food choices and how to prepare nutritious meals for all ages
- Guest speakers presenting a variety of topics of interest including history of the area, gardening and art

- Kids activities

The Glendale Farmers Market is produced by Kathy VanDerworp and sponsored by Visit Glendale (Glendale Convention & Visitor Bureau) and The First United Methodist Church. For market information contact: glendalefarmersmarket58@gmail.com. For additional information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or www.visitglendale.com.



**2016 Glendale Family Bike Ride
Online Pre-Registration is OPEN**

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register and complete waiver forms.

Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the free annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

This is a ride for all ages and features three routes - short, long, and extended (6, 15, or 23 miles) through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge. For more information go to

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

10 REASONS YOU SHOULD BE BIKING! GLENDALE FAMILY BIKE RIDE APRIL 10

Enjoy beautiful weather, leisurely ride on one of three routes through Glendale

One of the community's most-loved traditions is back! It's the free Glendale Family Bike Ride, rolling through town on Sunday, April 10.

Whether you're a seasoned cyclist, or someone who hasn't been on a bike since grade school, here's a reminder of the reasons you should be cycling.

The health benefits include:

1. Increased cardiovascular fitness (prevent heart disease!)

2. Increased muscle strength and flexibility
3. Improves joint mobility (important as we age)
4. Improves posture and coordination
5. Decreases stress levels (who doesn't need less stress?)
6. Strengthens bones (again, that aging thing)
7. Boosts energy levels

8. Burns calories - on average about 300/hour!

If those reasons don't convince you, what about:

9. Save money! Take your bike instead of your car to run errands once in a while and fill up your tank less.

10. Help the environment! Riding your bike to work/school one day a week, can save 13 lb. of pollution per month, or 143 lb. per year.

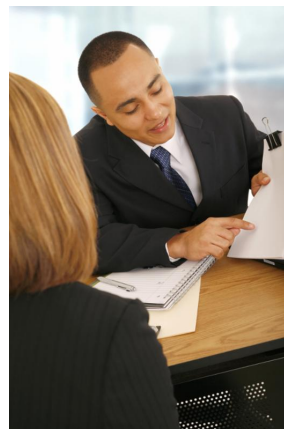
So take the opportunity to enjoy beautiful weather and great exercise, as well as the opportunity to explore Glendale. The ride starts from Sahuaro Ranch Park and offers three different routes with varying lengths. Helmets are required for this ride, and can be purchased at the event for \$10 (cash or check only.) On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. Complimentary snacks and water are provided at two rest stops along the route. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

To get more information online and to register, visit our website.

Glendale is one of several cities participating in Valley Metro's Valley Bike Month, bringing attention to bicycling as a fun, healthy, inexpensive and green way to commute and to encourage new riders to give cycling a try.

Glendale Empowerment Expo
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 2016
Glendale Civic Center

The Glendale Empowerment Expo, hosted by Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, will connect local community members with more than 20 nonprofits, community-based organizations and government agencies serving individuals with physical disabilities. The event will feature a resource and information fair, an open forum town hall style meeting to encourage public dialogue about



important topics and issues facing persons with disabilities and an award ceremony

recognizing one outstanding individual and one service provider organization for their significant contribution toward improving the quality of life for the disabled community in Glendale.



ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL JOURNEY: 13TH ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION TOUR

Space is Limited for this Popular Tour Sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride

Take a step back through time during Glendale's 13th annual Historic Preservation Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale, as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant.

DATE & TIME OF TOUR

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Check in and Boarding Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Departure Time: 9 a.m.

Return Time: Noon

Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center

5750 W. Glenn Dr.

A detailed itinerary, along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour. Participation is limited to the 95 seats available on two motor coaches, and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Children ages 15 and above are welcome, if accompanied by an adult. The tour is offered for free, thanks to a sponsorship from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

To make a reservation or request additional information, contact City Planner Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com.

2016 Events and Activity Listings

Movies at the Murph!

Take your kids out to Murphy Park and enjoy a family movie, free! The first movie will take place on Friday, March 25, 2016, at Murphy Park Amphitheatre, which is located at 58th Avenue & Glendale Avenue starting at dusk. Here is a list of the dates and the movies. Pre-movie events kick off at 6:00 pm.

1. Minions (PG) - March 25th
2. Inside Out (PG) - April 8th
3. The Good Dinosaur (PG) - April 22nd
4. Frozen (PG) - May 6th
5. Big Hero 6 (PG) - May 22nd





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